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Security Council

10 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Programme of work

Other matters

Morning[1]	6026th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

Morning[2]	6027th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Central African Republic

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in the Central African Republic and the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in that country (S/2008/733)

Morning[3]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

BONUCA (S/2008/733)

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 6026th meeting.

[3] To be held following the adjournment of the 6027th meeting.

Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions

3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	61st plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/63/381) [81]
2. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/63/382) [82]
3. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe: report of the First Committee (A/63/383) [83]
4. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/63/384) [84]
5. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/63/385) [85]
6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/63/386) [86]
7. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/63/387)[87]

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8. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/63/388) [88]

9. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/63/389) . . [89]

10. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/63/390) . . . [90]

11. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/63/391) [91]

12. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/63/392) . . . . . [92]

13. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/63/393) . . . . . [93]

14. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/63/394) . . . . . [94]

15. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/63/395) [95]

16. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/63/396) . . . . . [96]

17. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/63/397) . . . . . [110]

18. Programme planning: report of the First Committee (A/63/446) . . . . . [119]

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of December 2008 (Croatia) will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of December, *today*, 2 December 2008, at 12.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the press briefing in Studio 4, located in the First Basement.

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/sc/>), in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council dated 19 July 2006 (S/2006/507). Copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' pick-up areas, as of *today*, 2 December 2008.

High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund

There will be a High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, on Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. To register your attendance and to be added to the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Hee-Kyong Yoo (fax 1 (212) 963-1312; e-mail yoo@un.org), as soon as possible, but no later than *today*, 2 December 2008.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs (A/62/521, A/62/521/Corr.1, A/62/7/Add.32, A/C.5/62/24, A/C.5/62/25 and A/61/357) and Development related activities (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335 and A/63/479))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/63/282, A/63/132, A/63/298, A/62/274, A/61/861, A/61/850, A/61/732, A/61/30/Add,1, A/63/310, A/63/310/Add.1, A/63/310/Add.2, A/63/310/Add.3, A/62/315, A/62/628, A/62/628/Add.1, A/C.5/62/L.9, A/63/202, A/62/186, A/61/206, A/62/890, A/61/957, A/63/208, A/62/215, A/61/806, A/61/806/Add.1, A/63/189, A/62/185, A/61/1029, A/63/285, A/61/822, A/63/301, A/62/285, A/63/290, A/63/204, A/62/845, A/62/845/Add.1, A/61/283, A/61/694, A/61/694/Add.1, A/62/707, A/62/707/Add.1, A/63/221, A/62/7/Add.14 (Sects. III-X), A/63/526, A/63/526/Corr.1, A/C.5/63/3, A/C.5/63/3/Add.1 and A/C.5/63/3/Add.2))

General Assembly

Independent Audit Advisory Committee

Fourth session

9 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

2.15–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda/International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
2. Executive session

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on the "Integrated Training Services" *today*, 2 December 2008 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Tuesday, 2 December 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultation on draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 2 December 2008

UNITAR Seminar on International Trade and Policy

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Other activities

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Tuesday, 2 December 2008

Conference on Interfaith Cooperation and the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity, in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya and Nepal)

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Genie Kagawa (tel. 1 (845) 652-0259).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 2 December 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica (Croatia), President of the Security Council for the month of December (on the programme of work of the Council for the month)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 3 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

The Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council will hold its 3rd and 4th meetings on Friday, 5 December 2008, in the morning, following the adjournment of the plenary meeting of the General Assembly, and at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Open-ended Working Group (tel. 1 (212) 963-4389).

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 11 a.m. in *Conference Room 4*.

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Chair of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health (CSDH), Sir Michael Marmot, on the report of the Commission, entitled "Closing the gap in a generation: Health equity through action on the social determinants of health", for members of the Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Following the presentation by Sir Michael Marmot and interventions by two discussants, Dr. Ruth Levine, Vice-President for Programs and Operations and Senior Fellow, Centre for Global Development, and Dr. Nora Lustig, J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Visiting Professor of International Affairs, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, the floor will be open for an interactive discussion. The session will be moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Mr. Thomas Stelzer.

All are invited to attend. For more information on the event, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/ecosoc/meetings/meeting_WHO.shtml>; or contact Ms. Cheryl Stafford (tel. 1 (917) 367-3116; e-mail stafford@un.org).

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, *at the*

expert level, are kindly requested to inscribe with the secretariat of the Permanent Forum, by *Friday, 5 December 2008* (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). Given space limitations, the list of participants in the meeting will be established on a first-come, first-served basis. The documents for the meeting are available at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts" (under agenda item 11) (convened by the delegation of India)

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 5 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS))

Friday, 5 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Other forthcoming meetings

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International Criminal Court: Bureau the Assembly of States Parties

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Special Court for Sierra Leone (briefing to the Group of interested States)

Friday, 12 December 2008, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Forthcoming other activities

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Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the theme "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Dignity and justice for all of us"

Wednesday, 3 December 2008:

Opening of the International Day

From 9.30 to 9.40 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Seminar on "Implementing the digital accessibility agenda of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (co-organized by UNITAR, G3ict, Global Alliance for ICT and Development, DESA, and the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DESA)

From 9.40 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[To register, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Multimedia presentation on "Protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities through advocacy efforts on the Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention on Cluster Munitions: Experience, perspectives and tools from the field" (organized by the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

From 1.30 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, UNMAS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4632; e-mail buckleya@un.org).]

Musical performances (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Hungary, in cooperation with the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DESA)

From 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[To register, please visit <http://social.un.org/absolutefp/3Dec08.htm>. For further information, please contact Ms. Céline-Andrée Adotevi, DESA (e-mail adotevi@un.org).]

DPI/NGO communication workshop on "Exploring new technologies in media: Where do you get your United Nations news?"

Thursday, 4 December 2008:

Panel discussion

From 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Hands-on workshop: Using news technologies: Writing for the Web and blogging

From 1.30 to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Training Room (L 270C).

Panel discussion on "HIV and young people: Leadership for change" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand, with the support of UNFPA, UNAIDS and the Committee on HIV/AIDS of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations)

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[For further information, please contact Dr. Victor Mari Ortega, UNAIDS (e-mail ortegav@unaids.org; cc: buhaine@unaids.org).]

UNU panel discussion on "The politics of hydrogen" and book launch (organized by organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. To register or for more information, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

Panel discussion on "The role and value of faith-based organizations in combating violence against women" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Bahá'í International Community)

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. To register or for more information, please contact Ms. Mehdia Bendella, UNFPA (e-mail bendella@unfpa.org); or Ms. Fulya Vekiloglu, Bahá'í International Community (tel. 1 (212) 803-2500; e-mail oaw-nyc@bic.org).]

Panel discussion on "African shared values on democracy, good governance and human rights within the context of the 2006 Framework for the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union, in partnership with the Department of Political Affairs, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA))

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for associate experts (junior professional officers)

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law was launched on 28 October 2008 and can be found at <www.un.org/law/avl>. The Audiovisual Library of International Law is a unique multi-media resource which is a core instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law.

As this on-going project is entirely funded by voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contribution by Member States in funding associate experts (junior professional officers) in international law and in Web site management. For additional information, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-6971; e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Corrigenda

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Third Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 39th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2008/221, p. 23): The second paragraph under "Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.56" *should read* as follows:

> Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Belarus, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, El Salvador, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, Iraq, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Malta, Mauritania, Micronesia (Federated States of), Montenegro, Morocco, the Niger, Nigeria, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Corrigendum to the summary of the 44th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2008/230, p. 18): The second paragraph under "Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.38/Rev.1" *should read* as follows:

> The representative of Mexico announced that Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Bangladesh, Belize, Bolivia, the Congo, the Gambia, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, the Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and orally revised the text.

Corrigendum to the summary of the 46th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2008/231, p. 17): The fourth paragraph under "Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.50/Rev.1" *should read* as follows:

> The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 122 to 51, with 5 abstentions.

Corrigendum to the summary of the 47th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2008/231, p. 20): The second paragraph under "Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.35/Rev.1 as a whole" *should read* as follows:

> The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 121 to none, with 57 abstentions.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Saturday, 29 November 2008

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
Doha, Qatar

1st plenary meeting

Opening of the Conference by the Secretary-General of the United Nations . . . . . [1]

The Secretary-General of the United Nations opened the Conference.

Election of the President . . . . . [2]

His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, was elected, by acclamation, President of the Conference.

Statements were made by the President of the Conference, the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the World Trade Organization.

Adoption of the rules of procedure . . . . . [3]

The rules of procedure, as contained in document A/CONF.212/2, were adopted by the Conference.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [4]

The Conference adopted its agenda, as contained in document A/CONF.212/1.

Election of officers other than the President . . . . . [5]

The President informed the Conference of the recommendations concerning the composition of the General Committee and the distribution of posts therein.

The following four States from the Group of African States were elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the Conference: Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Namibia and the United Republic of Tanzania. The President announced that the election of one additional Vice-President from the Group of African States would take place as soon as the candidature had been communicated.

The following five States from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States were elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the Conference: Bolivia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

The following three States from the Group of Western European and Other States were elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the Conference: Andorra, Canada and United States of America. The President announced that the election of two additional Vice-Presidents from the Group of Western European and Other States would take place as soon as the candidatures had been communicated.

The following three States from the Group of Asian States were elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the Conference: Iran (Islamic Republic of), Syrian Arab Republic and Tajikistan. The President announced that the election of one additional Vice-President from the Group of Asian States would take place as soon as the candidature had been communicated.

Election of the Vice-President ex officio of the Conference

His Excellency Mr. Ahmad Bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, was elected, by acclamation, as Vice-President *ex officio* of the Conference.

Election of the Rapporteur-General

His Excellency Mr. Kaire Mbuende (Namibia), was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur-General of the Conference.

Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee . . . . . [6]

The Conference endorsed the proposals contained in Section IV of document A/CONF.212/4 concerning the organization of its work.

His Excellency Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann was elected, by acclamation, as Chairman of the Main Committee.

Credentials of representatives to the Conference: appointment of members of the Credentials Committee . . . . . [7 (a)]

The Conference decided to appoint the following countries as members of the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that if one of those States did not

participate in the Conference, it would be replaced by another State from the same regional group: Botswana, China, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mozambique, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis and United States of America.

General exchange of views on reviewing the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues . . . . . [8 (a)]

H.E. Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic (on behalf of the European Union), addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African Union), addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Georgi Parvanov, President of the Republic of Bulgaria, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Àngel Gurría, Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Fradique Bandeira Melo de Menezes, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. James A. Michel, President of the Republic of Seychelles, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Laurent Gbagbo, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Óscar Arias Sánchez, President of the Republic of Costa Rica, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abdallah Mohamed Sambi, President of the Union of the Comoros, addressed the Conference.

2nd plenary meeting *Election of officers other than the President* . . . . . [5]

Senegal was elected, by acclamation, as Vice-President of the Conference, to fill the remaining seat from the Group of African States.

The Philippines was elected, by acclamation, as Vice-President of the Conference, to fill the remaining seat from the Group of Asian States.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Russian Federation and Slovakia were elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the Conference, to fill the remaining seats from the Group of Eastern European States.

Australia and Switzerland were elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the Conference, to fill the remaining seats from the Group of Western European and Other States.

General exchange of views on reviewing the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues . . . . . [8 (a)]

Statements were made by the President of the Economic and Social Council, the two Special Envoys of the Secretary-General for the Doha Conference, the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Innovative Financing for Development, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Spokesperson of the civil society forum, the Spokesperson of the business sector forum and the Spokesperson of the Parliamentary Hearing.

H.E. Mr. Stjepan Mesić, President of the Republic of Croatia, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Omer Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Bingu wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Haris Silajdžić, Chairman of the Presidency, Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Idriss Déby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Pierre Nkurunziza, President of the Republic of Burundi, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestinian Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Ms. Ana Vilma de Escobar, Vice-President of the Republic of El Salvador, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Ms. Isatou Njie-Saidy, Vice-President of the Gambia, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Han Seung-soo, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Prime Minister and Minister for Defence and Public Service of the Kingdom of Lesotho, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Ghannouchi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Tunisia, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mrs. Luisa Dias Diogo, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mozambique, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Tidiane Souaré, Prime Minister of the Republic of Guinea, addressed the Conference.

Main Committee

1st meeting

The Chairperson of the Main Committee, H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, opened the first meeting of the Main Committee and made a statement.

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and member of the Council of Ministers of the State of Qatar, H.E. Mr. Ahmad bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud, made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairperson, the Committee established, in accordance with rule 47 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, a Working Group to finalize the draft outcome of the Conference, contained in document A/CONF.212/3/Rev.1.

It was further decided that the Working Group would only meet whenever the Main Committee is not in session.

On the proposal of its Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur, the Main Committee also decided to appoint H.E. Dr. Paul Oquist-Kelley, Minister of National Policy of the Republic of Nicaragua and Special Adviser to the President of the General Assembly, to chair the Working Group with the support of H.E. Mr. Maged Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan Løvald (Norway).

The Committee decided to resume its work on Monday, 1 December 2008, no later than at 3 p.m., or earlier if required.

Statements were made by the representatives of the I ibyan Arab Jamahiriya, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and Ch na), France (on behalf of the European Union), Liechtenstein, Bahrain, the United States, the Russian Federation, Japan, China, Mexico, Canada, Algeria and Switzerland.

The observers of the European Commission and the World Trade Organization made statements.

The Secretary of the Main Committee made a statement.

The Executive Secretary of the Conference made a statement.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

Multi-stakeholder round tables under the overall theme "Looking ahead: further cooperative actions in financing for development"

Round table 1 *Mobilizing domestic financial resources for development*

The Co-Chairman of round table 1, H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, opened the round table.

The Moderator, Mr. Justin Lin, Chief Economist and Senior Vice-President, World Bank, made an introductory statement.

Statements were also made by the following panellists: H.E. Mr. Azizul Islam, Minister of Finance, Bangladesh; Mr. Assane Diop, Executive Director, Social Protection Section, International Labour Organization; Mr. Àngel Gurría, Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development; Mr. Michael Keating, Director, Africa Progress Panel; Her Royal Highness Princess Máxima of the Netherlands; and Mr. Vito Tanzi, former State Under-Secretary for Economy and Finance, Italy.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Bolivia, Austria, Germany, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Egypt, Mali, Burundi and Algeria; as well as by the representatives of the United Nations Population Fund (institutional stakeholder participant) and Intermón Oxfam (civil society participant).

The Moderator made concluding remarks.

The Co-Chairperson, H.E. Mr. John Michuki, Minister for Finance of Kenya, declared round table 1 closed.

Sunday, 30 November 2008

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
Doha, Qatar

3rd plenary meeting

General exchange of views on reviewing the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues . . . . . [8 (a)]

H.E. Mr. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Togolese Republic, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Nader Dahabi, Prime Minister of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Deleita Mohamed Deleita, Prime Minister of the Republic of Djibouti, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Tuilaepa Sailele Maliele Gaoi, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Moulaye Ould Mohamed Laghdaf, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Jean Eyeghe Ndong, Prime Minister of the Gabonese Republic, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Abbas El Fassi, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Morocco, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Faustin Archange Touadéra, Prime Minister of the Central African Republic, addressed the Conference.

Statements were made by H.E. Sheik Mohammad Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait, H.E. Mr. Keat Chhon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance of Cambodia, H.E. Mr. Aniceto Ebiaca Moete, Deputy Prime Minister of Equatorial Guinea, H.E. Mr. Miyegombo Enkhbold, Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia, H.E. Mr. Abdullah Dardari, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic, and H.E. The Honourable Fred Fono, Deputy Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands.

H.E. Mr. Carlos Correia, Prime Minister of Guinea-Bissau, addressed the Conference.

Statements were made by H.E. The Honourable A. B. Mirza Md. Azizul Islam, Minister of Finance of Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), H.E. The Honourable Beverly Oda, Minister of International Cooperation of Canada (on behalf of CANZ), H.E. Ms. Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), H.E. Mr. Ralph Recto, Minister of Socio-Economic Planning of the Philippines, H.E. Mr. Celso Amorim, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brazil, H.E. Mr. Miguel Àngel Moratinos, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain, H.E. Mr. He Yafei, Special Envoy of the President of China, H.E.

Ms. Micheline Calmy-Rey, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, H.E. Ms. Ulla Toernaes, Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark, H.E. Ms. Rita Kieber-Beck, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liechtenstein, Mr. Peter Moors, Director-General for Development Cooperation of Belgium, H.E. Sultan Bin Saeed Al-Mansouri, Minister of Economy of the United Arab Emirates, and H.E. Mr. Urmas Paet, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia.

4th plenary meeting

General exchange of views on reviewing the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues . . . . . [8 (a)]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Haja Nirina Razafinjatovo, Minister for Finance and Budget of Madagascar, H.E. Ms. Ana Afonso Dias Lorenço, Minister of Planning of Angola, and H.E. Mr. Osman Mohamed Osman, Minister of State for Economic Development of Egypt.

H.E. Mr. Fuad Siniora, Prime Minister of the Lebanese Republic, addressed the Conference.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Erik Solheim, Minister of International Development of Norway, H.E. Mr. Paskah Suzetta, State Minister for National Development Planning of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Peter Power, Minister for National Development Planning of Ireland, H.E. Ms. Georgina Barreiro, Minister of Finance of Cuba, H.E. Mr. Juan Temístocles Montás, Minister of Economy, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic, H.E. Mr. Bert Koenders, Minister for Development Cooperation of the Netherlands, H.E. Mr. Juan Alberto Fuentes, Minister of Finance of Guatemala, H.E. Mr. Fander Falconi, Minister of National Planning and Development of Ecuador, H.E. Mr. Hla Tun, Minister for Finance and Revenue of Myanmar, H.E. Mr. Serigne Diop, Senior Minister of Senegal, H.E. Mr. Alejandro Hamed Franco, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Paraguay, H.E. Mr. Samuel Santos López, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, H.E. Ms. Meritxell Mateu-Pi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Andorra, H.E. Mr. Jorge Taiana, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Religious Relations of Argentina, H.E. The Honourable Baburam Bhattarai, Minister of Finance of Nepal, H.E. The Honourable Sarta Amunugama, Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion of Sri Lanka, H.E. The Honourable Pehin Dato Abd Rahman Ibrahim, Minister of Finance II of Brunei Darussalam, H.E. Mr. David Choquehuanca, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Bolivia, H.E. Mr. E. Ahamad, Minister of State of India, H.E. Mr. Moctar Ouane, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mali, H.E. The Honourable Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Minister of Finance of Namibia, H.E. The Honourable Elder Godsday Orubebe, Minister of Special Duties, National Planning Commission of Nigeria, H.E. Ms. Rosemary Museminali, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Rwanda, H.E. Mr. Hans Winkler, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria, H.E. Mr. Nabuhide Minorikawa, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, and H.E. Ms. Tatyana Starchenko, Deputy Minister of the Economy of Belarus.

Statements were also made by Mr. Justin Yifu Lin, Chief Economist and Senior Vice-President of the World Bank, and Mr. Kamalesh Sharma, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Multi-stakeholder round tables under the overall theme "Looking ahead: further cooperative actions in financing for development"

Round table 2

Mobilizing international resources for development: foreign direct investment and other private flows

The Co-Chairpersons of round table 2, H.E. Mr. Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Congo, and H.E. Mr. Bob McMullan, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance of Australia, opened the round table.

The Moderator, Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, made an introductory statement.

Statements were also made by the following panellists: Mr. Hiroto Arakawa, Senior Special Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency; H.E. Mr. Trevor Manuel, Minister of Finance, South Africa; Ms. Joyce H. de Ginatta, President, Federación Interamericana Empresarial, Ecuador; Mr. Avinash Persaud, Chairman, Intelligence Capital; and Mr. Kamalesh Sharma, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Sudan, China, South Africa, Senegal, Palau, Bangladesh, Algeria and Bolivia, as well as by the representative of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (civil society participant).

The panellists responded to comments and questions raised.

The Moderator made concluding remarks.

Round table 3

International trade as an engine for development

The Co-Chairpersons of round table 3, Mrs. Ana Vilma de Escobar, Vice-President of El Salvador, and Ms. Olga Algayerova, State Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia, opened the round table.

The Moderator, Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza, Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the following panellists: Mr. Pedro Luiz Carneiro de Mendonça, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Technological Affairs, Brazil; H.E. Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations at Geneva and President of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; Mr. Miguel Hakim, Secretary for Iberoamerican Cooperation, Iberoamerican Secretariat; Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa; H.E. Mr. Sun Zhenyu, Ambassador of China to the World Trade Organization; and Mr. Paavo Väyrynen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, Finland.

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of Bahrain, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Congo, India and Indonesia, the representative of the European Community, and by the representatives of Bolivia, the Republic of Korea, Israel and the United Republic of Tanzania, as well as by the representative of the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) (institutional stakeholder participant) and the representative of the Center of Concern (civil society participant).

The panellists responded to comments and questions raised.

The Moderator made concluding remarks.

Monday, 1 December 2008

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
Doha, Qatar

5th plenary meeting

General exchange of views on reviewing the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues . . . . . [8 (a)]

H.E. Commodore Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, Prime Minister of the Republic of the Fiji Islands, addressed the Conference.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Paavo Väyrynen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development of Finland, H.E. Mr. Joakim Stymne, State Secretary for International Development Cooperation of Sweden, H.E. Mr. Jean-Louis Schiltz, Minister of Cooperation and Humanitarian Action of Luxembourg, H.E. Mr. Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Minister for Works and Human Settlement of Bhutan, and H.E. Mr. João Gomes Cravinho, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Portugal.

The meeting was suspended for a ceremony in observance of World AIDS Day.

The meeting was resumed.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and member of the Council of Ministers of Qatar, H.E. Mr. Caleb Fundanga, Governor of the Central Bank of Zambia, H.E. The Honourable Lotéala Metia, Minister of Finance and Economic Development of Tuvalu, H.E. Mr. Mahoud Gebrel, Secretary of the National Planning Council of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mr. Murilo Portugal, Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, H.E. Mr. Nguyen Chi Dung, Deputy Minister of Planning of Viet Nam, H.E. Mr. Nurlan Danenov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, H.E. The Honourable Vincenzo Scotti, Secretary of State, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Italy, H.E. Mr. Douglas Alexander, Minister of International Development of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, H.E. Mr. Anton Niculescu, State Secretary, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Romania, H.E. Mr. Ahmed Naseem, Minister of State, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Maldives, H.E. Ms. Olga Algayerova, State Secretary of Slovakia, H.E. Ms. Paula Quintana Meléndez, Minister of National Planning of Chile, H.E. Ms. Henrietta H. Fore, USAID Administrator and Director of United States Foreign Assistance, H.E. The Honourable Mariano Browne, Minister of State, Ministry of Finance of Trinidad and Tobago, H.E. Mr. Musa Kulaklikaya, President of the International Cooperation and Development Agency of Turkey, H.E. Mr. Jan Kohout, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and H.E. Mr. Darwish Ismail Ali Al Bulushi, Secretary-General, Ministry of the Economy of Oman.

6th plenary meeting

General exchange of views on reviewing the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues . . . . . [8 (a)]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. László Várkonyi, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, H.E. Mr. Eyebe Ayissi, Minister of External Relations of Cameroon, H.E. The Honourable Senator Maxine McClean, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados, H.E. Mr. John William Ashe, Chairman of the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), H.E. Mr. Haim Divon, Director of MASHAV, the Center for International Cooperation of Israel, H.E. The Honourable Bob McMullan, Parliamentary Secretary for International

Development Assistance of Australia, H.E. Mr. Robert Fillon, Chairman of the delegation of Monaco, H.E. Mr. Andrey Andreyev, Chairman of the delegation of the Russian Federation, H.E. Mr. Raymond Wolf, Chairman of the delegation of Jamaica, H.E. Mr. Ahmad Al Quattani, Chairman of the delegation of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Mr. Atoki Ileka, Chairman of the delegation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, H.E. Mr. Geoffrey Yu, Special Representative of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, H.E. José Luis Cancela, Chairman of the delegation of Uruguay, H.E. Mr. Charles Thembani Ntwaagae, Chairman of the delegation of Botswana, H.E. Mr. Sulvat Sichirapant, Chairman of the delegation of Thailand, H.E. Mr. José Armando Duarte, Chairman of the delegation of Cape Verde, H.E. Mr. Muhammad Asghar Afridi, Chairman of the delegation of Pakistan, H.E. Dato' Muhammed Shahrul Ikram Yaakob, Chairman of the delegation of Malaysia, H.E. Ms. Heidi Liliana Botero Hernández, Chairperson of the delegation of Colombia, H.E. Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Chairman of the observer delegation of the Holy See, H.E. Sheikha Hissa Khalifa Al-Thani, Special Rapporteur on Disability of the United Nations Commission for Social Development, Mr. Miguel Hakim, Secretary for Iberoamerican Cooperation, Iberoamerican Secretariat, Ms. Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development of the Asian Development Bank, H.E. Mr. Abdullah Bin Salim Bin Hamad Alharthy, Permanent Observer of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Mr. William Loris, Director-General of the International Development Law Organization, and H.E. The Honourable Fred Fono, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Rural Development of Solomon Islands, on behalf of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States.

The representative of China made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Multi-stakeholder round tables under the overall theme "Looking ahead: further cooperative actions in financing for development"

Round table 4 *Increasing international financial and technical cooperation for development*

The Co-Chairpersons of round table 4, H.E. Mr. Laurent Gbagbo, President of Côte d'Ivoire, and H.E. Mr. Laszlo Varkonyi, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, opened the round table.

The Moderator, Mr. Olav Kjørven, Assistant Secretary-General and Director, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the following panellists: Mr. Bader Al Dafa, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; Mr. Ahmad Mohamed Ali Al-Madani, President, Islamic Development Bank; Mr. Eckard Deutscher, Chair, Development Assistance Committee, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development; Ms. Gargee Ghosh, Senior Program Officer for Development Finance and Policy, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Mr. Jean Ping, Chairperson, African Union Commission; and Mr. Sam Worthington, President and CEO, InterAction.

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of Bahrain, Chad, the Sudan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Italy, Israel, Egypt, Burundi, India and the United States, as well as by the representative of Inter-Parliamentary Union (institutional stakeholder participant) and the representatives of Coopération

Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité, Instituto del Tercer Mundo and the African Women's Economic Policy Network (civil society participants).

The panellists responded to comments and questions raised.

The Moderator made concluding remarks.

Round table 5

External debt

The Co-Chairpersons of round table 5, Mrs. Isatou Njie-Saidy, Vice-President of the Republic of the Gambia, and Mr. Mario Delgado Alfaro, Deputy Director-General for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Spain, opened the round table.

The Moderator, Mr. Murilo Portugal, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the following panellists: Ms. Nancy Birdsall, President, Center for Global Development; Mr. Carlos Braga, Director, Economic Policy and Debt Department, World Bank; Mr. Benoît Coeuré, Co-Chairman, Paris Club; Mr. Robert Gray, Chairman, Debt Financing and Advisory, HSBC; and Ms. Mary Robinson, President, Ethical Globalization Initiative.

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of: Bahrain, Norway, Indonesia, the United States, Jamaica, Senegal, the Dominican Republic and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, as well as by Dr. Cephas Lunima, Independent Expert on Foreign Debt and Human Rights of the United Nations Human Rights Council (institutional stakeholder participant), the representatives of the International Chamber of Commerce and the Private Sector Steering Committee on Financing for Development (business sector participants), and the representatives of the African Forum and Network on Debt and Development, Jubilee South and Year of Relief (civil society participants).

The panellists responded to comments and questions raised.

The Moderator made concluding remarks.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Accession: Lebanon (20 November 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

Daily List of Documents Issued at Headquarters

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A/63/408 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/63/439 Item 75 — Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/63/515 Item 114 (a) — Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union — Letter dated 3 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/63/564 Items 45 and 64 — Culture of peace — Promotion and protection of human rights — Letter dated 20 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/568 Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.45 Item 65 (b) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions — Australia, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Japan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Portugal, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution — Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia [A C E F R S]

A/RES/63/4 Item 122 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: requests under Article 19 of the Charter [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

A/C.2/63/L.57 Item 52 (a) — Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries — Draft resolution submitted by the Rapporteur, Mr. Awsan Al-Aud (Yemen), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.39 — Implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 [A C E F R S]

Sixth Committee

A/C.6/63/3 Membership of the Sixth Committee [E (only)]

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

A/AC.109/2008/SR.1-12/Corrigendum
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Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

A/CONF.212/3/Rev.1 Item 8 (b) of the provisional agenda — General debate on financing for development: consideration of the draft outcome document of the Conference — Draft outcome document of the Conference — Note by the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/CONF.212/6/Add.2 Item 9 (a) — Multi-stakeholder round tables under the overall theme "Looking ahead: further cooperative actions in financing for development", focusing on the following six major thematic areas — Roundtable 1 — Mobilizing domestic financial resources for development — Summary of discussion [A C E F R S]

Security Council **Documents**

A/63/228/Corr.1–S/2008/531/Corr.1
Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

S/2008/705* Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Pre-session working group
Forty-third session

CEDAW/C/HTI/Q/7/Add.1
Responses to the list of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of the combined initial and second to seventh periodic reports — Haiti [A C E F R S]

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